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1. Nearly all Chinese shops and factories in Dairen are closed and Chinese owned and operated business activity in practically nil.

- 2. The Soviet administration, however, is extremely active. In both Dairen and Port Arthur much military construction is under way.
 Practically every Soviet ship from Vladivostok brings come cement, iron and steel, and bricks and other building necessities.
- Port fecilities of Port Arthur and smaller bays nearby are being enlarged and modernized.
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military fortress is now being rebuilt on a large scale by the Soviets).

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- There is no evidence that industrial or transportation equipment was being moved from Dairen.
- 5. Locomotives, cars and other railway equipment have been maintained in good order.
- 6. One of the major imports into Dairen is food, quantities of which are brought by junk mostly from Chefoo. Liberty ships are also engaged in the transport of food.
- 7. On 5 July it was observed that two small freighters were leaving the harbor and three vessels about the size of Liberty ships were alongside the wharves. One of these was discharging kaoliang. The Ilich landed about 500 tons of soybean flour which had been leaded at Vladivostok.
- 8. In Dairen there is a considerable amount of American PA goods, apparently from South Korea. Prices are reported to be remarkably low, eigarettes are 25% a package and Life-savors only 3% a package. (Prices are quoted in US equivalent by source).

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The volume of exports from Dairen is small, consisting mostly of Japanese silks (pre-war stocks?) and other luxury goods and selt.

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10. A Chinese businessman named HO, who owns a steel-pipe business in Dairen, left Dairen on 6 July 1947 on board the Ilich. HO was enroute to Formosa for the purpose of bartering pipe for cotton goods. HO had left Dairen with the permission of the Chinese Communist authorities, and he had a safe-conduct certificate from the Formosa Provincial Government.

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